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Lt. Colonel Lawrence J. Lowman
Office of Strategic Services
3101 E Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Lowman:-

Mr. Alexander Barmine, who used to work for us as a translator until December of last year, when he was drafted into the Army, is about to be discharged from the armed forces under the "over-age" clause. He came to see me today in order to ask for reinstatement as a translator with F.B.I., point out that, in the meantime, he has become an American citizen, and that his entire absence from F.B.I. has been spent in the United States armed forces, culminating in an honorable discharge.

From the point of view of languages Mr. Barmine is, I think, far more qualified than Miss Flawerton, who is now being considered for the position of Italian translator. Whereas Miss Flawerton commands Italian, Mr. Barmine has Italian, Russian, French, German, Polish, Bulgarian, Czechoslovakian, Turkish and Persian. He is also familiar with F.B.I. procedures and requirements, and, last but not least, has an unusual insight into the political and military factors which dominate the European scene.

I would, therefore, ask your permission to reinstate Mr. Barmine upon his discharge from the Army next week, if such a course is possible without a new investigation. Should this solution meet with your approval, I would likewise recommend paying him a somewhat higher salary, since the current one of \$2,300. -- per annum is quite out of proportion to the standard salaries paid to men of his type and accomplishments.

Trusting to hear from you as soon as possible, I am,

Respectfully,

(s) Jules Van Itom
Jules Van Itom. ✓